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CERVICAL PLATE SYSTEM HAVING  
ASSEMBLEABLE AND MOVEABLE  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in reply to the Office Action dated October 31, 2005 in the above-identified application.

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- ☒ Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
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Respectfully submitted,  
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